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March 1, 1999

Magalie Roman Salas, Esquire
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Room 222
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Salas,

Enclosed is an original and four copies of a Petition for Rule Making to amend the FM table of allotments for a new FM broadcast station for Dove Creek, Colorado.

Sincerely,



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In the matter of:

Amendment of Section 73.202 (b)

Table of Allotments

FM Broadcast Stations

(Dove Creek, Colorado)

RM-_____

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

In this petition, Mountain West Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 273C3 (102.5 Mhz) to Dove Creek, Colorado as its first local FM allotment.

INTRODUCTION

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 273C3 (102.5 Mhz) to Dove Creek and add it to the Commission's FM table of allotments, 73.202. The following will show the need for an FM channel and the effects the allotment of Channel 273C3 to Dove Creek, Colorado will have.

DISCUSSION

2. Dove Creek is located in western Colorado. It is also located within Dolores County, a county of some 1,504 persons. Dove Creek has a population of 643 persons in accordance with the U.S. 1990 census.

3. The allotment of channel 273C3 to Dove Creek will provide the first local broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest FM allotment to Dove Creek is located at Delores, Colorado. Delores is located 44 kilometers from Dove Creek.

It is obvious that from the above spacing that Dove Creek is presently without local FM service.

4. Dove Creek would greatly benefit from an FM allotment due to the fact there is no AM or FM broadcast facilities within 44 Kilometers of Dove Creek. Because of this, it would have an outlet for local self expression. Health and safety for the community would be increased due to having a local communications outlet for warning the Dove Creek area of emergency conditions caused by severe weather or other health hazards.

5. Channel 273C3 can be allotted to Dove Creek and meet all rules and requirements of the Commission. The instant proposal will not cause a change in the channel number or a deletion of any channel now appearing in the Commission's table of allotments 73.202.

| | <u>Present</u> | <u>Proposed</u> |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Dove Creek, Colorado | ----- | 273C3 |

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 273C3 and the pertinent adjacent channels to 273C3 have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing

Study (N 37 - 45' - 54", W. 108 - 54' - 18") are that of a site located within the community of Dove Creek. No site restriction will be required to allot channel 273C3 to Dove Creek. Many suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dbu) to the entire community of Dove Creek. These sites would also provide full minimum spacing requirements to other allotments.

CONCLUSION

7. It has been shown that Dove Creek would benefit from the allotment of channel 273C3. It has also been shown that channel 273C3 can be allotted to Dove Creek and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, Mountain West Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to include channel 273C3 for Dove Creek, Colorado , 73.202.

8. Should channel 273C3 be allotted to Dove Creek, I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for Dove Creek, Colorado.

CERTIFICATION

9. I certify that I have prepared or directly supervised the preparation of this entire Petition for Rule Making, and that the facts contained within are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, accurate and true.

Dated: March 1, 1999

Respectfully submitted,



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MAPFM search of channel 273C3 (102.5 MHz), at N. 37 45 54, W. 108 54 18.

Searching Channel 273C3 (102.5 MHz):

| CALL | CITY | ST | CHN | CL | S | DIST | SEPN | BRNG | CLEARANCE |
|--------|------------|----|-----|----|---|-------|-------|--------|-----------|
| KOTO | Telluride | CO | 219 | A | A | 87.0 | 11.0 | 72.6° | 76.0 |
| K220DZ | Dolores | CO | 220 | D | L | 45.6 | 0.0 | 136.1° | 45.6 |
| ALC | Olathe | CO | 270 | C2 | A | 123.4 | 56.0 | 40.9° | 67.4 |
| ALC | Farmington | NM | 271 | C | U | 138.5 | 96.0 | 139.6° | 42.5 |
| KTRA | Farmington | NM | 271 | C | L | 138.5 | 96.0 | 139.6° | 42.5 |
| ALC | Craig | CO | 273 | C | V | 282.7 | 237.0 | 17.3° | 45.7 |
| NEW | Craig | CO | 273 | C | A | 282.8 | 237.0 | 17.3° | 45.8 |
| NEW | Craig | CO | 273 | C | A | 282.7 | 237.0 | 17.3° | 45.7 |
| NEW | Craig | CO | 273 | C | A | 282.8 | 237.0 | 17.3° | 45.8 |
| NEW | Craig | CO | 273 | C | A | 280.4 | 237.0 | 18.2° | 43.4 |
| ALC | Kirtland | NM | 275 | C | U | 104.1 | 96.0 | 141.7° | 8.1 |
| KAZX | Kirtland | NM | 275 | C | C | 138.5 | 96.0 | 139.6° | 42.5 |

FIGURE 1
DOVE CREEK, COLORADO
MOUNTAIN WEST BROADCASTING